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Abſtract of an Act to preſerve and encourage the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom; and for more effectual imploying the Poor by prohibiting the Uſe and Wear of all printed, painted, ſtained, or dy'd Callicoes, in Apparel, Houſhold-Stuff, Furniture, or otherwiſe, after the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two (except as therein is excepted.)

FROM and after the Twenty fifth Day of December, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, It ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever to uſe or wear in Great Britain, in any Garment or Apparel whatſoever, any printed, painted, ſtained, or dyed Callicoe, under the Penalty of forfeiting to the Informer the Sum of five Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every ſuch Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before any one or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace; which Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby reſpectively authorized and ſtrictly enjoined and required, upon any Complaint or Information upon Oath exhibited or brought of any ſuch Offence committed, contrary to this Act, within Six Days after Commitment thereof, to ſummon the Party accuſed; and, upon his or her Appearance or Contempt, to proceed to Examination of the Matter of Fact; and upon due Proof made thereof, either by voluntary Confeſſion of the Party, or by the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes (which Oath or Oaths the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby reſpectively impowered and required to adminiſter) to hear and determine the ſame, and upon ſuch Conviction to cauſe the ſaid Penalty, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals reſpectively, to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, rendring to the Party the Overplus (the Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale being firſt deducted;) nevertheleſs it ſhall be lawful for any Party agrieved to appeal to the Juſtices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Seſſions to be holden for the County, City, Riding, or Place, where the ſaid Offence or Offences ſhall have been committed, giving Six Days Notice at the leaſt of ſuch Appeal to the Proſecutor or Proſecutors; which Juſtices, at ſuch General Quarter Seſſions, are hereby authorized and impowered to hear and determine the ſame, and their Judgment therein ſhall be final.

If any Mercer, Draper, Upholder, or any other Perſon or Perſons, or Corporation whatſoever, ſhall at any time or times after the ſaid twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, ſell, utter or expoſe to Sale any printed, painted, ſtained, or dyed Callicoe, or any Bed, Chair, Cuſhion, Window-Curtain, or other Houſhold-Stuff, or Furniture whatſoever, made up of, or mixed with any printed, painted, ſtained, or dyed Callicoe, unleſs for Exportation thereof, and unleſs the ſame ſhall be cleared outwards accordingly, as is uſual in caſe of Sale for Exportation, every ſuch Perſon or Corporation ſo offending, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, being lawfully convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as is herein after directed; and every Steward, or other Officer of ſuch Corporation, or his Deputy, offending herein, and being lawfully convicted of ſuch Offence, ſhall, over and beſides the Forfeiture or Penalty aforeſaid, forfeit and loſe his Office and Employment, and be incapable to hold the ſame.

From and after the ſaid twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, it ſhall not be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to uſe or wear in Great Britain, in or about any Bed, Chair, Cuſhion, Window-Curtain, or any other ſort of Houſhold-Stuff, or Furniture, any printed, painted, ſtained, or dyed Callicoe (except as herein after is excepted) under the Penalty of forfeiting (being thereof lawfully convicted) the Sum of twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, to be recovered as herein after is directed.

One Moiety of all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, where the ſame ſhall exceed five Pounds, ſhall be to the Informer or Proſecutor, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed; and ſuch Penalties as are not herein directed to be otherwiſe recovered, ſhall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, for Offences committed in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majeſty's Court of Seſſion, Court of Juſticiary, or Court of Exchequer in Scotland, for Offences committed in that Part of Great Britain, together with full Coſts of Suit, by any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, within ſix Calendar Months next after the Offence committed.

If it ſhall appear, that any Perſon convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall be ſheltered or protected, or doth, or ſhall reſide or inhabit in any pretended Privilege Place whatſoever, every ſuch Offender ſhall and may be taken from thence by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Court of Kings-Bench, Common-Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of the Lords of Seſſion, Judges of the Court of Juſticiary, or Barons of the Exchequer in Scotland; and ſhall be, by any ſuch Juſtice, Lord of Seſſion, Judge, or Baron, committed to the Common Goal of the County or Place where the Offence was committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, till Payment and Satisfaction of all Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, with full Coſts.

That this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend, or be conſtrued to extend, in any wiſe to any Callicoes which have already been, or which before the ſaid twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred twenty two, ſhall be made up or uſed in any Bed, Chair, Cuſhion, Window-Curtain, or other ſort of Houſhold Stuff or Furniture, provided the ſame be continued to be worn and uſed in ſuch Houſhold-Stuff or Furniture, and not otherwiſe.

Nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to repeal, make void, or alter any Law now in Force for prohibiting Callicoes printed, painted, dyed, or ſtained in foreign Parts, or for prohibiting any other Goods or Manufactures whatſoever.

All Perſons and Bodies Corporate, who ſhall on or before the ſaid twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, export any Callicoes, ſhall be entituled to, and have ſuch and the ſame Allowances and Advantages upon the Exportation thereof, as fully as if the ſame had been exported within twelve Months after the Importation thereof.

If any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſued or proſecuted for any thing done or to be done in Purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Proſecutor or Proſecutors, ſhall become Nonſuit or forbear Proſecution, or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict paſs againſt him, her, or them, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have treble Coſts, and ſhall have the like Remedy for the ſame, as in any Caſe where Coſts are by Law given to Defendants.

The Prohibition of Callicoes intended by this Act, and the Penalties thereby inflicted for wearing or uſing printed, painted, ſtained, or dyed Callicoe in Apparel, Houſhold-Stuff, or Furniture, after the twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, contrary to this Act, ſhall reſpectively extend to prohibit, and ſhall be levied and recovered for wearing or uſing in Apparel, Houſhold-Stuff, or Furniture, after the ſaid twenty fifth Day of December, one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty two, any Stuff made of Cotton, or mixt therewith, which ſhall be printed or painted with any Colour or Colours, or any Callicoe chequered or ſtriped, or any Callicoe ſtitched or flowered in foreign

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